

Council Chambers, Cloquet, Minnesota  
7:00 P.M. March 17, 2020

Regular Meeting

Roll Call

Councilors Present: Carlson, Lamb, Swanson, Kolodge, Langley, Wilkinson

Councilors Absent: Mayor Maki

Pledge of Allegiance

### AGENDA

**MOTION:** Councilor Langley moved and Councilor Swanson seconded the motion to approve the amended March 17, 2020 agenda, with the removal of *item 9.a., Library Relocation Expense*, removal of *item 9.d., Public Works Trucks Purchase*, and the addition of *9.f., COVID-19 Update and City Policies*. The motion carried unanimously (6-0).

### MINUTES

**MOTION:** Councilor Lamb moved and Councilor Swanson seconded the motion to approve the Regular Council Meeting minutes of March 5, 2020 as presented. The motion carried unanimously (6-0).

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Maryann Johnson spoke on behalf of her brother Arthur Wojciehowski regarding the Prospect Avenue sidewalk discussion during the March 5<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. Would residents be notified when the decision is made? Ms. Johnson also addressed concern of the snow that will be plowed into yards and potentially blocking sidewalks and a wheelchair ramp if there is a sidewalk. Ms. Johnson questioned the potential dollar amount of assessments and the length of time to pay them. She also commented on the votes of Councilor Langley and Wilkinson on the project.

### CONSENT AGENDA

**MOTION:** Councilor Kolodge moved and Councilor Wilkinson seconded the motion to adopt the Consent Agenda of March 17, 2020, approving the necessary motions and resolutions. The motion carried unanimously (6-0).

- a. Resolution No. 20-16, Authorizing the Payment of Bills
- b. Resolution No. 20-14, Approving the Site Plan for Leonard Conklin
- c. Fond du Lac Trail Agreement Amendment

### PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were none.

### PRESENTATIONS

There were none.

### CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR AT&T MOBILITY/HALL INSTITUTE

**MOTION:** Councilor Carlson moved and Councilor Lamb seconded the motion to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 20-15, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR AT&T MOBILITY /HALL INSTITUTE, INC. FOR A CELLULAR TOWER IN THE MRC-MIXED RESIDENTIAL/COMMERCIAL DISTRICT**. The motion carried unanimously (6-0).

**WHEREAS**, AT&T Mobility/Hall Institute, Inc. is proposing a Conditional Use Permit for a 180-foot mono-pole cellular tower in the MRC - Mixed Residential/Commercial District; and

**WHEREAS**, As required by ordinance, notification was advertised in the Pine Knot and property owners within 350 feet were sent notice. A public hearing was held to consider the application at the regular meeting of the Cloquet Planning Commission on March 10, 2020 at which time Zoning Case/Development Review No. 20-02 was heard and discussed; and

**WHEREAS**, the property of the proposed Conditional Use Permit is located east of 14<sup>th</sup> Street and south of Interstate 35 and is legally described as follows:

The South One Half of the Southwest Quarter (S ½ of SW ¼), Section Twenty-five (25), Township Forty-nine (49) North, Range Seventeen (17) West of the Fourth Principal Meridian, Carlton County, Minnesota, except the following parcels:

- A. All that part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼ of SW ¼) lying northerly of the north right-of-way line of Interstate Highway No. 35.
  - B. All of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼ of SW ¼) lying southerly of the center line of Interstate Highway No. 35 and westerly of the centerline of Carlton County Highway No. 3.
- All according to the U.S. Government Survey thereof. And,

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission reviewed the staff report and recommends approval of the Conditional Use Permit.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLOQUET, MINNESOTA**, that it approves Zoning Case 20-02 for AT&T Mobility/Hall Institute Inc. for a 180-foot mono-pole cellular tower in the MRC - Mixed Residential/Commercial District subject to the following conditions:

1. The maximum height of the tower and the attached antennas shall not exceed 185 feet.
2. The lease agreement must be finalized prior to the issuance of a building permit.
3. The tower shall not be artificially illuminated unless required by the FCC or FAA regulations.
4. If the tower is required to have flashing type lighting or illumination, the use of red flashing lights is required during the nighttime hours as opposed to white strobe lights unless otherwise federally mandated.
5. The security fence shall not exceed 8 feet in height.

#### **ORDERING FEASIBILITY STUDY REGARDING THE PAVING OF JOLICOUER TRAILS FIRST ADDITION**

**MOTION:** Councilor Wilkinson moved and Councilor Swanson seconded the motion to adopt **RESOLUTION NO. 20-18, A RESOLUTION ORDERING A FEASIBILITY STUDY REGARDING THE PAVING OF JOLICOUER TRAILS FIRST ADDITION**. The motion carried unanimously (6-0).

**WHEREAS**, the City of Cloquet has received a petition from benefiting property owner requesting the City Council consider paving of existing streets within Jolicouer Trails First Addition; and

**WHEREAS**, City Code requires a portion of the cost of such improvements be assessed to benefiting properties; and

**WHEREAS**, Statute requires the preparation of a feasibility study by a licensed engineer in order to levy special assessments of this manner.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLOQUET, MINNESOTA**, that the City Engineer is hereby directed to prepare a feasibility study regarding the paving of Jolicouer Trails First Addition.

#### **WATER TREATMENT PLANT CHANGE ORDER #3**

**MOTION:** Councilor Langley moved and Councilor Swanson seconded the motion to approve Change Order No. 3 to the water treatment plant construction contract. The motion carried unanimously (6-0).

#### **COVID-19 POLICIES**

City Administrator Peterson presented and reviewed two temporary City policies regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and the safety and health of City Staff and the recommendation to close public buildings to the public effective March 18, 2020.

**MOTION:** Councilor Carlson moved and Councilor Lamb seconded the motion to approve the Temporary Sick Leave During the COVID-19 Pandemic Policy. The motion carried unanimously (6-0).

**MOTION:** Councilor Kolodge moved and Councilor Wilkinson seconded the motion to approve the COVID-19 Paid Administration Leave Policy. The motion carried unanimously (6-0).

**MOTION:** Councilor Lamb moved and Councilor Carlson seconded the motion to approve the recommendation of the City Administrator to close public buildings to the public effective March 18, 2020. The motion carried unanimously (6-0).

**COUNCIL COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND UPDATES**

Councilor Lamb commended City Administrator Peterson on the outstanding job he is doing during this critical time. She also requested to have a list of businesses that offer delivery services to be posted on the city's website. The Lighthouse will remain open for at risk children during this time of no schools in session and lastly, gave a reminder to reach out to the police if you suspect domestic abuse.

Councilor Wilkinson reminded citizens that the City requires a Transient Merchant License to sell goods door to door or in a parking lot. The City frowns upon anyone illegally selling goods and price gouging.

Councilor Swanson encouraged citizens to follow the guidelines given by the CDC to avoid getting ill and overwhelming healthcare facilities. Take care of each other.

On a motion duly carried by a unanimous yea vote of all members present on roll call, the Council adjourned.

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Tim Peterson, City Administrator